

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT ACT— ENHANCEMENT

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled “Proposals to Enhance the Community Reinvestment Act.” Testimony was heard from Representative Eddie Bernice Johnson of Texas; Steven L. Antonakes, Commissioner of Banks, Division of Banks, State of Massachusetts; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3570, Satellite Viewer Update and Reauthorization Act of 2009; H.R. 233, as amended, Railroad Antitrust Enforcement Act of 2009; and H.R. 3290, September 11 Family Humanitarian Relief and Patriotism Act of 2009.

CONSOLIDATED LAND, ENERGY, AND AQUATIC RESOURCES ACT OF 2009

Committee on Natural Resources: Held a hearing on H.R. 3534, Consolidated Land, Energy, and Aquatic Resources Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Ken Salazar, Secretary; and Mary L. Kendall, Acting Inspector General; Jane Lubchenco, Under Secretary and Administrator, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and Frank Rusco, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE BUREAUCRACY

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Domestic Policy held a hearing entitled “Between You and Your Doctor: The Bureaucracy of Private Health Insurance.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

DEPLOYED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES BENEFITS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia held a hearing entitled “A Call to Arms: A Review of Benefits for Deployed Federal Employees.” Testimony was heard from Brenda S. Farrell, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, GAO; Marilee Fitzgerald, Director, Workforce Issues and International Programs, Office of the Deputy Under Secretary, Civilian Personnel Policy, Department of Defense; Steven A. Browning, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Human Resources, Department of State; Jerome D. Mikowicz,

Deputy Associate Director, Pay and Leave Administration, Strategic Human Resources Policy Division, OPM; Shelby Hallmark, Acting Assistant Secretary, Employment Standards, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

STUDENT AID AND FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT OF 2009

Committee on Rules: On September 15, 2009, the committee granted, by a non-record vote, a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate on H.R. 3221, Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2009, equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and Labor. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and Labor shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute except those arising under clause 10 of rule XXI.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules. The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the committee report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in this report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that the Chair may entertain a motion that the Committee rise only if offered by the chair of the Committee on Education and Labor or his designee and that the Chair may not entertain a motion to strike out the enacting words of the bill. Testimony was heard by Chairman George Miller (CA), Representatives Cardoza, Pingree, Etheridge, Kilroy, Perriello, Kline (MN), Castle, Foxx, and Burton.

AUTO DEALER CLOSING RURAL ECONOMIC IMPACTS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled “The Economic Impact of Auto Dealer Closings on Rural Communities.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.